

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF )  
Adrian Sparks ) Examiner: Dzung D. Tran  
SERIAL NO.: 09/745,890 )  
FILED: December 21, 2000 ) Confirmation No. 1275  
FOR: Load sharing nodes in a network ) Group Art Unit: 2613  
utilising shared optical protection ) Customer Number: 23644

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

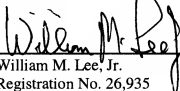
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 13, 2006 of the Examiner.

- ☒ Fee \$500.00 (large entity)
- ☐ Fee \$250.00 (small entity)
- ☐ Enclosed
- ☐ Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)
- ☒ Charge to Deposit Account No. 12-0913

January 15, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

  
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